

REMARKS

In the Office Action of September 28, 2005, the Examiner imposed a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 having identified three purportedly distinct inventions:

I. claims 1-22 and 40 drawn to a method for data processing protection based on receiving a copy selection and preventing subsequent usage of the copy selection if it is secured;

II. claims 23-25 drawn to a method for stored data protection based on receiving a copy selection and initially storing the designated content and further replacing designated stored content with alternate content when it is determined to be secured; and

III. claims 26-39 drawn to a method for data processing protection based on launching a first application when a request to access a file is received, determining whether the file is secured, and loading the file in clear mode while activating a clipboard security monitor when the file is determined to be secured in order to ensure that the file cannot be copied to a second application.

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with examination of Group I (claims 1-22 and 40), and cancels the claims of Group II (claims 23-25) and Group III (claims 26-39) as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

On page 4, the Examiner imposed a species restriction having identified three species:

a. a species drawn to storing blank content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content (claims 7-9);

b. a species drawn to storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content (claims 10-12); and

c. a species drawn to storing scramble content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content (claims 13-15).

Applicant elects, with traverse, to proceed with the second species, directed to the embodiment in at least claims 10-12. Claims 7-9 and 13-15 are presently being withdrawn.

Applicant believes claim 1 to be a generic claim from which all three species read upon. As such, Applicant is traversing the species restriction.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicant believes the restrictions to the claims have been addressed. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

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